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SUBJECT: ALLEGED AMTRAK TENDER FOR RAILWAY TIES

1. MALAYSIAN HIGH COMMISSION AND LONDON RESIDENT FYED AZZUDIN REPRESENTING MAHAWANGSA HOLDINGS OF MALAYSIA HAVE CONTACTED US CONCERNING SUBJECT TENDER AS REPORTED TO THEM BY CLIVE PAUL OF BLAIR INTERNATIONAL. PAUL, WHO APPEARS TO BE AMERICAN OF CHINESE DESCENT, CLAIMS THAT AMTRAK IS SEEKING 50-60 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF RAILWAY TIES (SLEEPERS) TO INSTALL ON HOUSTON/WEST COAST LINE. STORY IS THAT PRIME CONTENDERS FOR SUPPLY CONTRACT ARE GUYANA AND MALAYSIA, WITH AMTRAK PREFERRING LATTER DUE MALAYSIAN TIMBER BOARD'S HIGHLY RESPECTED GRADING RULES. EMBASSY HAS NO RECORD OF PAUL OR BLAIR INT'L, ADDRESS OF WHICH IS LONDON SUBURB.

2. INTEREST OF MALAYSIAN HIGH COMMISSION IS HEIGHTENED BY FACT THAT MAHAWANGSA PRINCIPAL (IDENTIFIED AS SON OF FORMER PM TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN) WILL VISIT LONDON NEXT WEEK. AS NEITHER MALAYSIANS NOR WE HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON ALLEGED AMTRAK TENDER, POST WOULD APPRECIATE ANY CONFIRMATION OR DENIAL DEPARTMENT CAN GET FROM AMTRAK HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON.

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